

I'm Just a Bill

An overview of
Hawaii's legislative
process relating to
invasive species

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Outline

- Recap of federal process
- Types of requests
- Hawaii's legislative calendar
- Relevant committees for invasive species legislation
- Bill tracking & testimony



Recap of Federal Process



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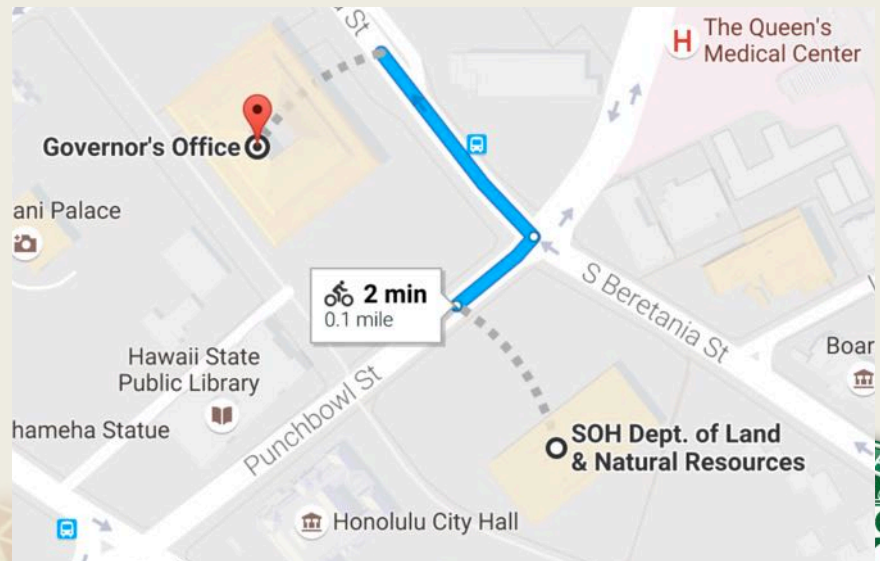
Types of requests

- Resolutions
 - Substantive vs nonsubstantive
 - Concurrent vs single chamber
- Bills
- “Admin package” or “Governor’s Package”
 - Bills and budget requests from the Executive Branch



Interim

- Citizens can approach legislators with an idea at any time
- The Executive Branch works on its Admin Package for upcoming session
 1. Bills and budget requests drafted within divisions
 2. Departmental review
 3. Budget requests reviewed by Department of Budget and Finance
 4. Governor has final approval for budget request and bills

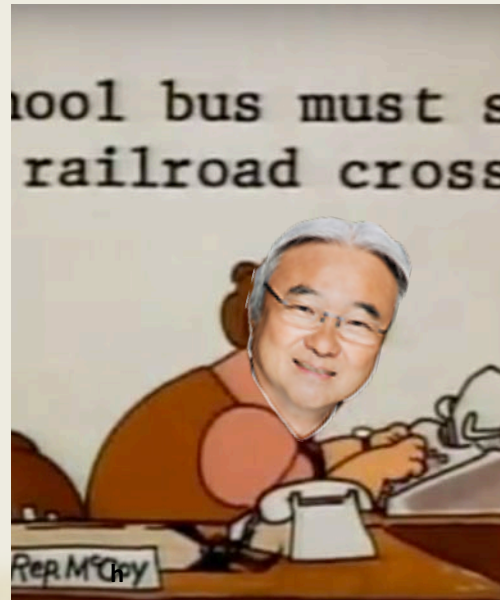


Session Opening

Note: All calendar dates provided are from 2016

JANUARY			20 Opening Day	21	22 Non-Admin Bill Package Cutoff & Grants/Subsidies Cutoff	23
			1	2	3	
24	25 State-of-the- State Address & Administration Bill Package Cutoff	26 Recess #1	27 Bill Intro Cutoff	28 Recess #2	29	30
	4		5		6	

- Opening day is the 3rd Wednesday in Jan
- Bills can be introduced between opening day and cutoff, generally a week later
- “Recess” refers to chamber assemblies, not hearings



Chamber assemblies

- Full senate or house membership
- Bill introductions
- Readings
 - First Reading (by title, bills referred to committees)
 - Second Reading (accept committee report, bills sent to next committee if applicable)
 - Third Reading (bill read in full prior to vote)
- Vote on passage from chamber



Committee hearings

- Committees are subsets of chamber members focused on a particular subject
- Bills are referred to committees, starting with those in the originating chamber
 - House bills -> House committees
 - Senate bill -> Senate committees
- Testimony and discussion
- Committee chairs can defer a bill or call for a vote to:
 - Pass as-is
 - Pass with amendments
- Committee Reports are written detailing testimony, amendments, and votes



Filing and laterals: the part where it gets confusing

31	FEBRUARY				
	1	2	3	4	5
7	8	9	10 Recess #3	11 Triple Referral Filing (Bills)	12
14	15 HOLIDAY <i>Presidents' Day</i>	16	17	18	19 First Lateral (Bills)
21	22	23	24	25 Mandatory 5-Day Recess Begins	26

Triple Referral Filing: All bills referred to three or more committees must be filed so that they can be heard by their second-to-last committee by the following day.

- If your bill has been assigned to a joint committee hearing (e.g., AGR/EEP), this counts as a single referral.

First Lateral: All bills referred to more than one committee (i.e., those with multiple referrals) must move to their final committee in the originating chamber by this day.



Decking and crossover: the part where it gets more confusing

28	29	MARCH				
		1	2 Mandatory 5-Day Recess Ends	3	4 First Decking (Bills)	5
6	7 Recess #4	8	9 Recess #5	10 First Crossover (Bills)	11 Substantive Resolution Cutoff	12
13	14 Budget Decking	15	16 Budget Crossover	17 Triple Referral Filing (Bills)		
20	21	22	23	24 Second Lateral (Bills)		
27	28	29 First Lateral (Concurrent Resos)	30	31		



Decking: Submission of a bill to the chamber clerk. Bills need to be submitted to the clerk 48 hours prior to third reading, which is required for crossover. If your bill has only one referral and hasn't been heard yet, it is dead.

Crossover: Deadline for bills to pass third reading in order to move (or "crossover") to the other chamber. After crossover, bills are referred to committees in the non-originating chamber (i.e., House bills -> Senate committees; Senate bills -> House committees)

After crossover, there is another Triple Referral Filing deadline and Second Lateral



Final committee hearings and conference

27	28	29 First Lateral (Concurrent Resos)	30	31	APRIL	
	37	38	39	40	1 Recess #6	2
3	4	5	6	7 First Crossover (Concurrent Resos)	8 Second Decking (Bills)	9
	41	42	43	44	45	
10	11 Recess #7	12	13 Recess #8	14 Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree	15	16
		46		47	48	
17	18 Second Lateral (Senate Concurrent Resos)	19	20	21	22 Constitutional Amendments	23
	49	50	51	52	53	
24	25 Second Crossover (Concurrent Resos)	26	27	28 Final Decking (Non-Fiscal Bills)	29 Final Decking (Fiscal Bills)	30
	54	55	56	57	58	

Second Decking: If a bill has been amended by the non-originating chamber, it needs to be submitted to the chamber clerk by this day.

Second crossover: Deadline for third reading and movement back to the originating chamber

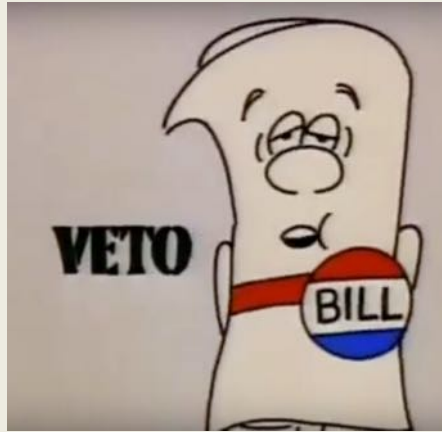
Disagree: The originating chamber may disagree with the amendments made by the other chamber. In this case, the bill goes into conference.

Conference committees are comprised of members from both chambers and must come to an agreement before final decking. **No testimony is accepted.**



Session Closing

MAY					
1	2 Recess #9	3	4 Recess #10	5 Adjournment <i>Sine Die</i>	(Session pau!)
		59		60	



Adjournment *Sine Die*: session is adjourned indefinitely.

Bills are enrolled to the Governor for signature or veto

Signed bills become acts and are codified under the Session Laws of Hawaii

Roughly 1 in 10 bills make it through session



Committees Relevant to Invasive Species



- Senate Agriculture & Environment



- Senate Ways & Means



- House Agriculture



- House Finance



Committees Relevant to Invasive Species



- Senate Water & Land



- House Water & Land



- House Energy & Environmental Protection



- Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, & Health



- House Health



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- DLNR DOFAW: Mike Yoshinaga, Dave Smith, & Dietra Myers Tremblay
- Conservation partners: Mark Fox, Environmental Legislation Network
- DIY via the Capitol.hawaii.gov website:

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SB2799 SD2 (?)

Measure Title: RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.

Report Title: Hawaii Invasive Species Authority; Establishment; Appropriation (\$)

Description: Restructures the Hawaii Invasive Species Council as the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority, administratively attached to the Department of Agriculture, for the enhancement of the State's invasive species prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, enforcement, and outreach programs. Establishes the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority Special Fund and appropriates moneys to that fund to implement the Authority and relevant invasive species projects. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

Companion: [HB2270](#)

Package: Governor

Current Referral: AGR, FIN

Introducer(s): KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)

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Testimony

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Hearing Notices

Comm	Room	Date/Time	Notice
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Sort by	Status	Text
Date		
1/27/2016	S	Introduced.
1/27/2016	S	Passed First Reading.
1/27/2016	S	Referred to EET/WLA, WAM.
2/9/2016	S	The committee(s) on EET/WLA has scheduled a public hearing on 02-12-16 1:20PM in conference room 414.
2/12/2016	S	The committee(s) on EET recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in EET were as follows: 6 Aye(s): Senator(s) Wakai, Espero, Galuteria, Ihara, Ruderman, L. Thielen; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 1 No(es): Senator(s) Slom; and 2 Excused: Senator(s) Baker, Keith-Agaran.
2/12/2016	S	The committee(s) on WLA recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in WLA were as follows: 6 Aye(s): Senator(s) Gabbard, Nishihara, Riviere, Ruderman, L. Thielen, Wakai; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 1 No(es): Senator(s) Slom; and 2 Excused: Senator(s) Dela Cruz, Shimabukuro.
2/19/2016	S	Reported from EET/WLA (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2420) with recommendation of passage on Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referral to WAM.
2/19/2016	S	Report adopted: Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.



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Create List

(List names have a 21 character limit)

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Show List	2015 HISC Testimony	Edit Name Delete
Show List	2015 IS Bills	Edit Name Delete

Add measures to your list by clicking Add a Measure. Add notes to your measures by selecting Add Notes. You may view status of the measure by clicking the measure link. Generate Report will display a detailed report of your measure list. Measures will appear in the order you add them.

2015 IS Bills

Add a Measure

Generate Report

Measure		Measure Notes (250 char max)	
SB141	Add Notes	Establishes a misdemeanor for the commercial display or performance of a live wild or exotic animal unless the animal will physically reside in Hawaii for more than three hundred days in the twelve-month period after entering the State.	Delete
SB97	Add Notes	Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources for watershed management; invasive species council projects; fire, natural disaster, and emergency response; and forest and outdoor recreation improvement	Delete
HB206	Add Notes	Subject to exceptions, requires all plans, designs, and specifications for new or renovated landscaping of State-developed buildings, complexes, facilities, or housing to incorporate Hawaiian plants. Effective 6/30/2016.	Delete
HB250	Add Notes	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Establishes and appropriates moneys for a little fire ant pilot project, canine detection team pilot project, and a public awareness and education campaign to address the little fire ant threat in Hawaii.	Delete
SB330	Add Notes	Appropriates moneys to DLNR to eradicate molucca albizia trees.	Delete
SB312	Add Notes	Appropriates general funds and funds from the pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund to the department of agriculture for its biosecurity programs.	Delete



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Measure	Notes	Current Status	Introducer(s)	Referral	Companion
SB141  Penal Code; Display or Performance of Wild or Exotic Animals RELATING TO ANIMALS. Establishes a misdemeanor for the commercial display or performance of a live wild or exotic animal unless the animal will physically reside in Hawaii for more than three hundred days in the twelve-month period after entering the State. Exempts certain accredited entities.	Establishes a misdemeanor for the commercial display or performance of a live wild or exotic animal unless the animal will physically reside in Hawaii for more than three hundred days in the twelve-month period after entering the State.	(S) 1/21/2016 - Re-Refered to CPH, JDL.	KEITH-AGARAN (Introduced by request of another party)	CPH, JDL	
SB97  Department of Land and Natural Resources; Appropriation; Conservation; Invasive Species; Natural Disasters; Aloha+ Challenge; Fresh Water; Emergency Responders RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES. Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources for watershed management; invasive species council projects; fire, natural disaster, and emergency response; and forest and outdoor recreation improvement.	Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources for watershed management; invasive species council projects; fire, natural disaster, and emergency response; and forest and outdoor recreation improvement	(S) 1/21/2016 - Re-Refered to EET/WLA, WAM.	GABBARD, GALUTERIA, GREEN, IHARA, INOUE, Slom	EET/WLA, WAM	
HB250  Little Fire Ants Pilot Project; Canine Detection Team Pilot Project; Public Awareness and Education Campaign; Appropriation RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Establishes and appropriates moneys for a little fire ant pilot project, canine detection team pilot project, and a public awareness and education campaign to address the little fire ant threat in Hawaii.	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Establishes and appropriates moneys for a little fire ant pilot project, canine detection team pilot project, and a public awareness and education campaign to address the little fire ant threat in Hawaii.	(H) 1/26/2015 - Referred to AGR, FIN, referral sheet 1	CHOY (Introduced by request of another party)	AGR, FIN	
SB330  Molucca Albizia Trees; DLNR; Appropriation RELATING TO MOLLUCA ALBIZIA TREES. Appropriates moneys to DLNR to eradicate molucca albizia trees.	Appropriates moneys to DLNR to eradicate molucca albizia trees.	(S) 1/21/2016 - Re-Refered to EET/WLA, WAM.	TANIGUCHI	EET/WLA, WAM	HB551
SB312 SD1  Agriculture; Biosecurity Programs; Appropriations RELATING TO BIOSECURITY. Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture for its biosecurity programs. (SD1)	Appropriates general funds and funds from the pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund to the department of agriculture for its biosecurity programs.	(S) 1/21/2016 - Re-Refered to WLA/EET, WAM.	RUDERMAN, CHUN OAKLAND, ENGLISH, KAHELE, KEITH-AGARAN, Riviere, L. Thielen	WLA/EET, WAM	

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Measure Title

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HB437	MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE NATURAL RESOURCE GOALS OF THE ALOHA+ CHALLENGE.	Remove
HB528	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.	Remove
HB551	RELATING TO MOLUCCA ALBIZIA TREES.	Remove
HB772	RELATING TO THE ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET.	Remove
HB871	RELATING TO BIOSECURITY.	Remove
HB890	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.	Remove
HB893	RELATING TO THE BIOSECURITY PROGRAM.	Remove
HB989	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.	Remove
HB1040	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.	Remove
HB1050	RELATING TO INTERISLAND MOVEMENT OF INVASIVE SPECIES.	Remove
HB1101	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES.	Remove
HB1138	RELATING TO ALBIZIA TREES.	Remove

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- Be clear and concise
- State position up front in bold type. Do not use “support the intent”
- Names and positions will be read out loud during the committee hearing, at which point testifiers may provide oral testimony



Maximizing your effort

- Committee chairs are important decision makers
- Check your bill's referrals to know which deadlines matter and which committees are relevant
- If you are particularly interested in a bill and are waiting to submit testimony, you can inquire about whether it will be scheduled



Pau



Bill signing ceremony for HB1716 with Gov. Abercrombie after the 2014 legislative session. HB1716 was the House version of a Joint Majority Package bill introduced by Senator Mike Gabbard and Representative Chris Lee, increasing funding to the HISC.

Reference: Hawaii Public Access Room; School House Rock (Disney)
Questions: Joshua.P.Atwood@hawaii.gov

